

ADVISORY OPINION 91-10 [1991-2]

The Montgomery County Ethics Commission has received and reviewed your request for advice regarding compliance with the Ethics Law.

You have informed the Commission that several years ago, as a favor to a friend, you developed several patient profiles for use in a computer program simulating patient triage procedures. We understand that this work was performed by you “at home while off duty without compensation in any form”.

This computer program is now being sold, and you have been offered a royalty of 15% of 50% the net profits [sic]. This royalty is being offered in recognition of your past contribution to the program, and not for any present or future services. Furthermore, you have represented to the Commission that you will have “no involvement” in the marketing or sales of this program. You have further provided the Commission with a promotional brochure and some biographical data for our review.

The Ethics Commission has reviewed these three pages of material and finds no violation of 19A-14 therein. Please recognize that this opinion does not sanction any other use of your name and title for this or other purposes.

Based on the foregoing, the Ethics Commission has found no violation of law and advises you that you may accept the royalties under the conditions stated in your letter.

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